

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA**

Monday, February 17, 2019

5:30 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Regular Session

Board of Directors
Einen Grandi, Chairman
Don Wallace, Vice-Chair
Dave Goicoechea, Director
Kevin Goss, Director
Greg Ramelli, Director
Jim Roberti, Director
Paul Roen, Director

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Director Grandi called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM
Directors present: Grandi, Roberti, Goicoechea, Ramelli
Directors absent: Goss, Roen, Wallace
Also present: Debbie Spangler

2) PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

At this time, the meeting opens for any public comments regarding the Closed Session item(s).

There was no public comment.

3) CLOSED SESSION

The Directors will move into Closed Session to discuss the following item(s):

- 1. Employee Evaluations for the SVGMD meter technician and board clerk*

Director Roberti made a motion to move into closed session at 5:37 PM, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

Let the minutes note Director Roen entered the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Director Roen made a motion to move out of closed session at 6:00 PM, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

4) 6:00 PM - RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Director Roen made a motion to return to open session at 6:02 PM, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

Roll Call:

Directors present: Grandi, Roberti, Goicoechea, Ramelli, Roen

Directors absent: Goss, Wallace

Also present: Debbie Spangler, Katie Tanner, Tania Carlone, Kristi Jamason, and Dwight Ceresola

5) REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Grandi reported that the Board completed employee evaluations for the meter technician and board clerk. The Chair will meet with them individually to go over the Directors' remarks.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY – limited to 5 minutes per speaker

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District Board of Directors at this time.

There was no public comment.

7) **REPORTS**

A. Meter Technician Report - Jay Huebert

Huebert was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report to the Directors of total pumping for 2019 from municipal and agricultural wells. Total pumping for municipal wells was 710.163 acre feet, agricultural wells pumped 7,474.986 a/f, and the combined total was 8,185.149 a/f.

B. SGMA Statewide Updates – Debbie Spangler

1. Technical Support Services

Spangler reported that DWR will be coming to the Sierra Valley Basin in March to take the CASGEM readings. She also shared that more TSS funding is now available if the SVGMD would like to apply for another monitoring well. The Board would like to discuss this opportunity and potential locations at the next meeting.

C. Facilitation Support Services – Tania Carlone

Carlone informed the Board that last year's FSS contract was with the State Board but her new contract is with DWR. The contract has an end date of December 31, 2020, however, the contract tasks indicate that she will only facilitate with the District long enough to work with the new GSP team to transfer information during the transition. This timeline will depend on how long contracting takes, but she suspects the earliest contract with the new team could be in June.

8) **DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS**

A. Plumas/Sierra County Well Permit Application Review (if any)

There were no new well applications.

B. Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman for 2020

Director Roen moved to keep Grandi as District chairman and Wallace as vice-chairman, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all approved.

C. Appointed Directors and Terms of Office

| Board Position | Director | Representing | Term Expiration |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Director 1 | Kevin Goss | Plumas County Supervisor | Interim Position |
| Director 2 | Paul Roen | Sierra County Supervisor | 1/3/2021 |
| Director 3 | Jim Roberti | Plumas County Appointee | 1/3/2021 |
| Director 4 | Don Wallace | Sierra County Appointee | 1/3/2021 |
| Director 5 | Greg Ramelli | Plumas County Appointee | 1/1/2023 |
| Director 6 | Dave Goicoechea | Sierra County Appointee | 1/1/2023 |
| Director 7 | Einen Grandi | District Appointee/Director-at-large | 1/1/2023 |

D. Form 700

The Directors will file their annual Conflict of Interest Form 700 with the board clerk.

E. Meter Technician

1. Employment Agreement

Director Roen made a motion to approve Jay Huebert's employment agreement, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

2. Laptop

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve the District purchase a new laptop for the meter technician, not to exceed \$600; Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

F. GSP Planning Grant Award – Kristi Jamason

Jamason reported that the SVGMD has been conditionally funded two million dollars under the DWR Groundwater Sustainability Planning Grant. The condition applied to the Disadvantaged Community portion of the grant, which has been corrected and submitted. The final grant award announcement is expected at the end of March.

1. Upcoming Schedule

The next step for the District will be to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) that will be used to hire the GSP project manager. The RFP team will work on putting that together and would like to present a draft to the Board for review at the April board meeting.

2. GSA Request for Proposal (RFP) Development Team

The RFP development team includes: Chairman Grandi, Director Roberti, Kristi Jamason, Phil Bachand, Greg Hinds, Tania Carlone, a Plumas County Representative (Tracey Ferguson or Uma Hinman), and Debbie Spangler (as warranted/appropriate).

Director Goicoechea made a motion to approve the GSA RFP development team members, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

G. GSP Concept Document and Other Activities– Greg Hinds

Hinds was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, but e-mailed an update to the board clerk:

“Please let the directors know I am still working away on the Concept Document making it as complete and concise as I can. I will have one more big push after Phil's teams reports are released, which is expected to happen any day now. Also, I expect to make the phone calls to Einen and Dave regarding conjunctive use (as discussed at December's meeting) within the next week or so, and a couple other calls for info on other small subsections that are currently lacking information. I will review the meeting minutes when they come out to stay up to speed and will plan to sign the new contract at next month's meeting. Please let me know if anything is needed from me at this time.”

H. Updated Professional Services Agreement for Greg Hinds

Director Roen made a motion to approve the updated Professional Services Agreement for Greg Hinds, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

I. Employment Agreement for the Board Clerk

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve the employment agreement for the board clerk, Director Roen 2nd, motion passed, Directors Grandi, Goicoechea, Ramelli and Roen in favor. Director Roberti abstained.

9) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

A. Third Annual GSA Summit June 10-11 in Sacramento

B. Groundwater Resources Association of California invitation to a *Groundwater Monitoring – Measurements, Management, and Applications* conference March 3-4 in Monterey, CA

C. Dickens Drilling reached out about ordering a District-approved meter for the new well on Maddalena Road

10) CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the Consent Calendar shall be considered routine and will be enacted by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member requests that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Any item removed from the consent calendar will be considered after the regular business items.

A. Approval of The Minutes as Read/Distributed For 12/16/19

B. Accept finance report/cash balance for January + February

C. Approve payment of bills

Director Roen made a motion to accept the consent calendar, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk